

MR. K. BALAKRISHNA MENON (*Kunnatnad cum Parur*): May I know whether all these cattle have been imported into the State?

MR. T. C. KOCHUNNI PILLAI: As far as my knowledge goes they have been brought into the State.

Agricultural Department.

508. *MR. P. M. VARGHESE: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Agricultural Department conducts any model farm anywhere in the State under its sole guidance and responsibility;

(b) whether the farm, if any, has all kinds of agricultural activities, such as preparation of compost manure, cattle rearing etc.;

(c) whether any manure is purchased for the farm from outside;

(d) whether an account is kept under each variety of cultivation of the yield per acre per year; and

(e) whether equipments have been made for ascertaining whether their compost manure is superior or not to the municipal compost manure?

MR. T. C. KOCHUNNI PILLAI: (a) The Agricultural Department conducts Experimental Farms.

(b) Each farm is meant for the experimental cultivation of crops which are most popularly grown in the locality concerned. Compost manure is prepared in some farms. There is no experimental farm for cattle rearing.

(c) Manures are purchased for the farm from outside.

(d) Yes.

(e) The comparative merits of compost manure prepared from different materials are tested in the field.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE: May I know whether all the manure in the State is made available for cultivation and then purchased from outside?

MR. T. C. KOCHUNNI PILLAI: I didn't hear the question.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE: May I know whether all the manure that is available in Travancore itself is made use of before any purchase is made from outside?

MR. T. C. KOCHUNNI PILLAI: Certainly, Sir.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE: May I know whether all the sweep in the Trivandrum City is used for making compost manure?

MR. T. C. KOCHUNNI PILLAI: Yes.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE: May I know whether sweep is necessary for the manufacture of compost manure?

MR. T. C. KOCHUNNI PILLAI: Yes, Sir, it is necessary.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether these experimental farms are conducted on Government lands or on lands belonging to individuals?

MR. T. C. KOCHUNNI PILLAI: Experimental farms are conducted on Government lands.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether there is any case in which these experiments are being carried on in the property of individual land owners?

MR. T. C. KOCHUNNI PILLAI: They are only demonstrations.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know how many experimental farms are there in the State?

MR. T. C. KOCHUNNI PILLAI: There are nine experimental farms

Bunchy top disease.

509. * MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: Will the Government be pleased to state:

- (a) the area affected by the bunchy top disease to plantains;
- (b) the number of plantains destroyed by the department for checking the disease;
- (c) the cost incurred by the department in this work; and
- (d) the amount of compensation actually given to cultivators?

MR. T. C. KOCHUNNI PILLAI: (a) About 300 sq. miles.

(b) 5,60,553 plantains till the end of Edavom 1121.

(c) Rs. 40,083-22-0 up to the end of Edavom 1121.

(d) NIL.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know whether the bunchy top disease is still prevailing in any area?

MR. T. C. KOCHUNNI PILLAI: Yes, Sir, it is prevalent in certain areas.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know whether all the plantains in the prescribed areas have been destroyed?

MR. T. C. KOCHUNNI PILLAI: No, Sir.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know whether any compensation was given to the owners who have destroyed their plantations?

MR. T. C. KOCHUNNI PILLAI: The answer is given.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know why that compensation was not given to the owners even though this House itself decided to give compensation in such cases?

MR. T. C. KOCHUNNI PILLAI: They did it voluntarily for the common good.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether the member is aware that this House has accepted a motion that they will be paid compensation?

MR. T. C. KOCHUNNI PILLAI: No, Sir.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: The member is not aware of that?

MR. T. C. KOCHUNNI PILLAI: No.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether there was any application for compensation from cultivators?